

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3172 - SB 3010

February 14, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “harassing non-initializing 911 phone calls” as 10 or more nonemergency calls within a one hour period or 20 or more nonemergency calls within a 24-hour period made to 9-1-1 from a handset not registered for service with any commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) carrier. Permits a public safety answering point (PSAP) or an emergency communications district to authorize the emergency communications board, a CMRS provider, or a non-wireline service provider to divert harassing non-initializing 911 phone calls for a period of no more than 12 hours to a designated entity. A PSAP or emergency communications district may also authorize repetitive harassing non-initializing 911 phone calls to be diverted indefinitely under limited circumstances. Emergency communications boards, CMRS providers, non-wireline service providers, PSAPs, and the entity designated to receive diverted calls will not be held liable for diverting harassing non-initializing 911 phone calls.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that diverting non-initializing 911 phone calls will not significantly alter current procedures of PSAPs or emergency communications districts.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, diverting these repeat nonemergency calls will allow for more emergency calls to be received.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local governments is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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